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ARCHITECTURE & URBAN PLANNING

1. McGregor, James H.
Washington from the ground up / James H.S. McGregor. Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 325 p. REF 917.53 MCG

McGregor's story of the U.S. capitol begins with George Washington's selection of the site in 1790 and then proceeds to chronicle the history of the federal city's construction. He discusses the competition to design the executive mansion, what he calls the burgeoning bureaucracy, and the creation of 130 acres for the president's grounds. The city's public walks and the development of its prestigious neighborhoods are also part of his purview. He also profiles the city's many libraries, churches, monuments, and museums. This is a thoroughly researched book that presents a compelling narrative of the city. The book includes several detailed maps and copious illustrations. -- (For use only in the Library) CH/K/ND (Adapted from Booklist, ©2007)

THE ARTS

2. Booker, M. Keith.
Postmodern Hollywood : what's new in film and why it makes us feel so strange / M. Keith Booker. Praeger, ©2007. 213 p. 791.43 BOO

Building on the theory of Fredric Jameson, Booker seeks to introduce a general audience to an understanding of postmodernism through the window of popular films. He examines the prevalence of narrative, formal, and thematic fragmentation in such films as *Run Lola Run* and *Memento*, nostalgia as a mode of postmodern film, nostalgia towards earlier motion pictures, and television and other media as a source of style and content in American postmodern films. The book includes detailed discussions of a wide variety of American films including several classics and notes how these films have helped shape postmodernism into its current form. -- CH/K/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

BUSINESS & MANAGEMENT

3. The Boston Consulting Group on strategy / edited by Carl W. Stern and Michael S. Deimler. 2nd ed. John Wiley & Sons, ©2006. 413 p. 658.4012 BOS

This outstanding anthology of articles on strategy and management comes straight from one of the premier management consulting firms, the Boston Consulting Group, and contains all that takes to put a business back into business. Entrepreneurs who need to rethink their business must visit text of this book, which teaches them how to defeat their competitors. The book offers seminal concepts about reducing costs and gaining market share, as well as revisiting the power of networks, pricing and segmentation. Anyone interested in gaining an excellent overview of how business world actually works will find this book an excellent choice. -- CH

4. Buchen, Irving H.
Partnership HR : new norms for effective recruitment, performance, and training of today's workforce / Irving H. Buchen. Davies-Black Publishing, ©2007. 217 p. 658.3 BUC

Examining the contemporary American work ethic, Buchen shows how the human resources operations can be enhanced to gain a competitive edge for the organization. Three areas in HR operations need revision—recruitment, performance evaluation, and training. He considers how companies and cultures have implemented changes and how in the process, their workforce has changed, creating hybrid roles such as employee-managers, manager-leaders, and leader-futurists. He discusses partnerships with research, the human resource and technology interface, workforce innovation and company culture. He also talks about redefining the human resources mission through orientation and hiring practices, job satisfaction, retention strategies, and a reexamination of work and organizational relationships. He then discusses evaluation and training. -- CH/K/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

5. Paludi, Michele Antoinette.
Understanding workplace violence : a guide for managers and employees / Michele A. Paludi, Rudy V. Nydegger and Carmen A. Paludi, Jr. Praeger, ©2006. 127 p. 658.473 PAL

Two management consultants and a Union College psychology and management professor provide practical strategies that business leaders can use to respond to the threat of workplace violence. Integrating insights from the fields of management and social psychology, the authors identify the sources of workplace violence and offer practical solutions for both prevention and protection at the workplace. Based on case examples and interviews, the authors debunk common myths and misconceptions about workplace violence. They describe such measures as developing and enforcing effective policy statements, investigatory procedures, and training programs. The book will attract a wide readership including managers and employees, human resource professionals, and psychologists. -- CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

6. Weiss, Kenneth D.
Building an import/export business / Kenneth D. Weiss. 4th ed. J. Wiley & Sons, 2008. 308 p. REF 658.8 WEI

International trade consultant Kenneth Weiss offers tips and instructions for every aspect of an import or export business, including government regulations, tax laws, customs requirements, and shipping procedures. He describes strategies for using the Internet to reduce costs and develop a targeted customer base, and tells how to prepare a business plan, address security concerns, and take advantage of North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and other trade pacts. The fourth edition updates website addresses and adds appendices on avoiding scams and selling to retail stores. The book would be of interest to those who dream of owning their own business. -- (For use only in the Library) CH/K (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2008)

COMMUNICATION

7. Blevins, David.
Television networks : more than 750 American and Canadian
broadcasters and cable networks / Dave Blevins. McFarland, ©2006.
202 p. 384.55 BLE

Television has come a long way since the mid-1940s when there were limited networks, which were national, and channels, which were local. Today cable, satellite, and niche channels rather than national networks, serve the majority. This volume offers an overview of the U.S and Canadian television industry describing the more than 750 networks or channels. These are followed by a short bibliography and an index of programs, networks and channels, and performers. The two major sections' entries are arranged alphabetically by channel name and include contact information, launch date, first broadcast day, number of subscribers, and an annotation. One finds listings not only for well-known channels, such as Bravo, Cable News Network, and Univision, but also for Bosnian-American TV, HorseTV, and the Long Term Care Network. -- CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Booklist, ©2006)

8. Henry, Neil.
American carnival : journalism under siege in an age of new
media / Neil Henry. University of California Press, ©2007. 326 p.
174 HEN

Neil Henry, a *Washington Post* correspondent and journalism professor, offers a compelling look at troubling trends in American journalism. He juxtaposes the promise of advancements in the technical capabilities of news gatherers against the continued struggle with issues of truth, fairness, and ethics necessary to continue journalism's supportive role in democracy and public service. Henry scrutinizes the professional lapses of modern journalism—the intentional frauds and corruptions that have seen front-page publicity, as well as the horror stories told by former students. Henry explores the corporate pressures that have led to cuts in staff, and the technological and cultural changes that have led to advertorials (advertisements written in the form of editorials) that confuse the public and fill pages and airtime. He also examines the effect of the Internet and the profusion of citizen journalists who, along with government officials pretending

to be journalists, add to the public's confusion and low regard for news gatherers. -- ND (Adapted from Booklist, ©2007)

9. Jenkins, Henry.
Convergence culture : where old and new media collide / Henry Jenkins. New York University Press, ©2006. 308 p. 302.23 JEN

Henry Jenkins, founder and director of MIT's comparative media studies program, debunks outdated ideas of the digital revolution in this remarkable book. He proves that new media will not simply replace old media, but rather will learn to interact with it in a complex relationship he calls "convergence culture." The book seeks to explain how convergence is currently impacting the relationship among media audiences, producers and content. As Jenkins says, "there will be no magical black box that puts everything in order again." Jenkins argues that the notion of convergence culture is not primarily a technological revolution. Through several well-chosen examples, Jenkins shows that it is more a cultural shift, dependent on the active participation of the consumers working in a social dynamic. He references recent media franchises like Survivor, The Matrix, and American Idol to show how the new participatory culture of consumers can be utilized for popular success and increased exposure. Jenkins' insights are gripping and his prose is surprisingly entertaining and lucid. -- CH/K/ND (Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2006)

10. Ostertag, Bob.
People's movements, people's press : the journalism of social justice movements / Bob Ostertag. Beacon Press, ©2006. 232 p. 071.30904 OST

Americans have a long tradition of organizing to address grievances and social injustices, and communication has played a central role in their ability to share information and rally support. The content of this book is grounded in a report by Ostertag on the journalism of social justice commissioned by the Independent Press Association. Ostertag focuses on five social movements—abolition, women's suffrage, gay and lesbian liberation, veterans against the Vietnam War, and environmentalism—and examines the resulting journalism in the context of each. He argues that the press played an integral part in the development and effectiveness of each movement and explores in great depth the interplay among the publications, the movements,

and society. He also traces the central role the gay press played in documenting the AIDS crisis well before the mainstream media picked up the story. -- CH/M/ND (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2006)

ECONOMICS

11. Ebenstein, Alan O.
Milton Friedman : a biography / Lanny Ebenstein. Palgrave Macmillan, ©2007. 286 p. 330 FRI

Ebenstein portrays Milton Friedman, one of the most influential economists of the twentieth century and an iconic figure in the history of American conservatism. The author traces Friedman's childhood and his early career and moves through his tenure as an economist at the University of Chicago. He completes the book with a picture of Friedman as a renowned public figure, known for his controversial stances and powerful influence on contemporary leaders. Ebenstein's attention to detail and copious quotes from others who knew Friedman present an engaging picture of one of America's most important economic theorists. -- CH/K/ND (Adapted from Booklist, ©2007)

12. Gross, Daniel.
Pop! : why bubbles are great for the economy / Daniel Gross. Collins, ©2007. 232 p. 332.6 GRO

While not denying the pernicious downsides of economic investment bubbles, Gross endeavors to describe the positive effects of bubbles. He argues that from the long-term perspective some bubbles leave behind new commercial and consumer infrastructures that are then utilized by new entrepreneurs with innovative business plans, lower cost bases, and better capital structures and lead to future growth. In other words, without the dot-com bubble of the 1990s, we would not be witnessing the success of Google and YouTube today. He describes this phenomenon to a general audience, focusing on the telegraph, the railroads, the financial bubble of the 1920s, the Internet, real estate in the early 2000s, and the current emerging alternative energy boom. -- CH/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

13. Sowell, Thomas.
Economic facts and fallacies / Thomas Sowell. Basic Books,
©2008. 262 p. 330 SOW

Economist Sowell examines numerous misconceptions about life and economics including ideas about urban problems, income differences, male-female economic differences, and economic fallacies about academia, race and third world countries. Written in an accessible language, this compelling volume judiciously connects the way economics relates to several social issues. Sowell's arguments are supplemented with real world example, which further enhance readers' understanding and takes them into greater depth. The book has been written in accessible language, free from technical jargon, and is primarily meant for a general audience. -- CH/K/ND

EDUCATION

14. Green, Timothy D.
Making the most of the Web in your classroom : a teacher's guide to blogs, podcasts, wikis, pages, and sites / Timothy D. Green, Abbie Brown and LeAnne Robinson. Corwin Press, ©2008. 151 p.
371.33 GRE

Drawing on their own practical knowledge and experience as classroom teachers, teacher educators, and Web designers, the authors illustrate how to translate Internet tools and technologies into classroom applications. From website designing to helping students develop their own Internet-based projects, the book discusses almost everything about Web and Internet including student safety, netiquette, legal considerations, prevailing technologies, and content standards. The text of the book is further supplemented by a companion website that provides links to various resources on the topics covered in the book. -- CH/K

ENVIRONMENT

15. Berry, Thomas Mary.
Evening thoughts : reflecting on Earth as sacred community / Thomas Berry ; edited by Mary Evelyn Tucker. Sierra Club Books, ©2006. 173 p. 304.2 BER

These essays from various years and occasions reflect upon humankind's place in Earth Community and the universe, highlighting the dimensions of the ecological crisis. Berry argues against placing humans as the supreme reality. He calls for repositioning our vision of the world and the way we place ourselves within it. He claims that every form of life has its own rights by virtue of its existence. Thoughtful and provocative in his pronouncement, Berry's vision is broad, insightful, and radical and it encourages us to reclaim our role and to create a true partnership with the Earth Community. -- M

16. There is no such thing as a natural disaster : race, class, and Hurricane Katrina / edited by Chester Hartman and Gregory D. Squires. Routledge, ©2006. 311 p. 363.348 THE

The essays in this volume, written by a range of activists and scholars, take a critical look at the catastrophic impact of Hurricane Katrina on New Orleans and also outline policy recommendations. The essays put forth a multifaceted portrait of the social implications of the disaster. The volume examines the response to the disaster including rebuilding and recovery, relocation, housing, public education, environmental conditions, and the healthcare infrastructure. -- K/ND

17. Todd, Nancy Jack.
A safe and sustainable world : the promise of ecological design / Nancy Jack Todd. Island Press, ©2005. 203 p. 628 TOD

Nancy Jack Todd relates a fascinating story of the late sixties when a pioneering group founded a small non-profit research and education organization called the New Alchemy Institute. The objective was to create a safer and more sustainable world on this fragile planet. The author recounts her journey from lofty ideas through hard realities encountered

in learning how to actually grow food, harness the energy of the sun and wind, and design green architecture. Todd attempts to find solutions of many difficult environmental problems especially in the area of bioremediation. -- CH/K/M/ND

HISTORY & CIVILIZATION

18. Waugh, John C.
One man great enough : Abraham Lincoln's road to Civil War /
John C. Waugh. Harcourt, ©2007. 479 p. 973.7 LIN

In his description of Lincoln's road to the Civil War, Waugh employs a combination of lively prose backed with solid research that examines Lincoln's life story from birth to his first presidential inauguration. Waugh shows the readers America through the eyes of Lincoln. The author makes liberal use of Lincoln's own words, primarily from his letters and speeches, and also uses reminiscences of one of Lincoln's closest friends and associates, his former law partner William Herndon. Waugh shows that although Lincoln embraced white supremacy and opposed interracial marriage and black suffrage during his early years as an Illinois state legislator, he managed to separate those views from his strong opposition to the institution of slavery. "If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong," Lincoln later said. Waugh judiciously weaves details of Lincoln's family life into the narrative, which focuses on decidedly political matters, including the 1858 Lincoln-Douglas debates and the 1860 presidential election campaign. -- CH/K/ND (Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2007)

INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

19. Montgomery, Kathryn C.
Generation digital : politics, commerce, and childhood in the age of the Internet / Kathryn C. Montgomery. MIT Press, ©2007. 347 p.
303.4833 MON

In this insightful and analytical volume, Kathryn Montgomery beautifully captures how children use digital media and their role in

children's development. Her exhaustive treatment of the subject is sure to compel readers to revisit their notion about how children and teenagers shape and are in turn shaped by the current digital culture. The scope of the book extends from the effects of the commercial targeting of youth, vulnerability of children to Internet pornography and online predators to the laws for protecting both freedom of speech and private lives of minors. Montgomery's invaluable elucidation of a complicated topic will be helpful for both parents and politicians. -- CH/M/ND

20. Taylor, Arlene G.
Introduction to cataloging and classification / Arlene G. Taylor ;
with the assistance of David P. Miller. 10th ed. Libraries Unlimited,
©2006. 589 p. REF 025.3 TAY

This revised edition of Wynar's *Introduction to Cataloging and Classification* completely incorporates revisions of AACR2, enhancements to MARC 21, and developments in areas such as resource description and access. It incorporates changes in areas of organization of information mainly resulting due to the ongoing spread of Internet and World Wide Web technologies. Following an introduction to cataloging, cataloging rules, and MARC format, the book turns to its largest section, "Description and Access." Authority control is elaborated, and various methods of subject access are described in detail. Finally, administrative issues, including catalog management, have been covered. The glossary, source notes, suggested reading, and selected bibliography have also been updated and expanded, as has the index. The examples throughout help to illustrate rules and concepts, and most MARC record examples are now shown in OCLC's Connexion format. This is an invaluable resource for both students of cataloging and seasoned cataloging professionals. -- (For use only in the Library) K (Adapted from Booklist, ©2006)

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

21. Andreas, Peter.
Policing the globe : criminalization and crime control in international relations / Peter Andreas and Ethan Nadelmann.
Oxford University Press, ©2006. 333 p. 363.25 AND

From campaigns against piracy and slavery to the contemporary campaigns against drug trafficking and transnational terrorism, Peter Andreas and Ethan Nadelmann present an up to date account of international policing of transnational crime. This historically rich and thematically cogent examination of the topic encompasses both international relations as well as criminal law. Internationalization of crime control is often considered to be an obvious response to the internationalization of crime in a globalized era. Andreas and Nadelmann challenge this widespread convention and argue that internationalization of policing primarily reflects western powers' vested political and economic interests apart from promoting their own morals to other parts of the world. This thought provoking volume will be of prime interest to scholars in the fields of international relations and criminology, but general readers will also find it an engaging read. -- M/ND

22. Barrett, Scott.
Why cooperate? : the incentive to supply global public goods / Scott Barrett. Oxford University Press, ©2007. 258 p. 338.9 BAR

Barrett seeks to establish the need for international cooperation to ensure effective delivery of global public goods. He advocates preventing threats like climate change, nuclear proliferation, and global pandemic. This study shows that with cooperation among nations we can significantly deal with most of today's contemporary problems. Barrett supports his analysis with a variety of examples. This book is an important contribution on the subject that will provoke further discussion among policy makers, civil society activists, and scholars in the field. -- CH/K/ND

23. Shultz, Richard H.
Insurgents, terrorists, and militias : the warriors of contemporary
combat / Richard H. Schultz, Jr. and Andrea J. Dew. Columbia
University Press, ©2006. 316 p. 355.02 SHU

During the post-Cold War era, conventional militaries and their political leaders have confronted a new, brutal type of warfare in which non-state armed groups use asymmetrical tactics to fight larger, technologically superior forces. Shultz and Dew investigate the history and politics of this modern asymmetrical warfare. They recognize that combat involving nongovernment forces calls for innovative tactics by the U.S. military. Failing to understand the changed nature of warfare can lead to deadly consequences similar to the Iraq insurgency. Looking at post-1990 conflicts in Somalia, Chechnya, Afghanistan and Iraq, Shultz and Dew propose new taxonomies, describing reasons nongovernment combatants wage war and the nontraditional approaches those combatants use. The authors argue that the government strategists hoping to defeat these non-state warriors must learn about the cultures and traditions of those groups rather than relying solely on firepower. Moving beyond theory, the authors suggest ways that Pentagon policy makers and field commanders can mine historical, anthropological and cultural studies to understand shadowy enemies. -- CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Publishers Weekly, ©2006)

LAW

24. Levinson, Sanford.
Our undemocratic constitution : where the constitution goes wrong
(and how we the people can correct it) / Sanford Levinson. Oxford
University Press, ©2006. 231 p. 342.7302 LEV

In this critical analysis of American Constitution, Sanford Levinson reveals the surprisingly undemocratic nature of one of the most revered documents in American politics. He discusses how a candidate can be elected President without even getting a majority of the popular vote. He also discusses the President's power to overrule both houses of Congress by vetoing legislation with which he disagrees with on political grounds. Americans cannot rid themselves of an incompetent president, nor can they assure continuity of government following a catastrophic attack.

The author is also concerned about the appointment of Supreme Court judges, who serve on the bench for life. Compared with the constitutions of other countries, the U.S. Constitution is perhaps the most difficult to amend or update. -- M/ND

25. MacKinnon, Catharine A.
Are women human? : and other international dialogues / Catharine A. MacKinnon. Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, ©2006.
419 p. 341.48 MAC

MacKinnon describes that even after more than half a century of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, women have not acquired fully equal rights. From sexual harassment to pornography, from rape and violence to terrorism and armed conflict, women's rights have always been violated. This collection of essays effectively brings to light issues related to gender equality in a male-dominated world. Standing at an intersection of law and culture, the author exposes the consequences and significance of systematic unequal treatment of women in the light of social, legal, and political perspectives. MacKinnon seeks international laws to protect women from unequal treatment and denial of their gender specific right. -- K

LITERATURE & LANGUAGE

26. Drew, Bernard A.
100 most popular African American authors : biographical sketches and bibliographies / Bernard A. Drew. Libraries Unlimited, ©2007.
361 p. REF 810.9 DRE

This volume sketches biographical profiles of 100 popular contemporary African American authors, most of whom have become prominent in the past 25 years, but with some seminal figures such as Alex Haley, Langston Hughes, and Zora Neale Hurston. The profiles of the included authors are presented alphabetically, which provide brief biographies and discussions of their works, along with complete lists of their publications. Authors profiled in this volume include Octavia Butler, Walter Moseley, Omar Tyree, Zane, Maya Angelou, Toni Morrison, Bebe Moore Campbell, Edwidge Danticat, Terry McMillan, and

Alice Walker. The book is indexed by author/title and genre. -- (For use only in the Library) CH/M (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

27. Rosen, Carol.
Sam Shepard : a 'poetic rodeo' / Carol Rosen. Palgrave Macmillan,
©2004. 280 p. 812.54 ROS

This volume in the *Palgrave Modern Dramatists* series offers a succinct introduction to Sam Shepard, one of the leading contemporary American playwrights. The book illustrates how he experimented with dramatic structure, rhythms of performance and characters. Offering a chronological account, the author illuminates Shepard's plays in both cultural and theatrical context. -- CH/ND

PHILOSOPHY & RELIGION

28. Boorstein, Sylvia.
Happiness is an inside job : practicing for a joyful life / Sylvia Boorstein. Ballantine books, ©2007. 164 p. 294.3 BOO

Boorstein teaches wise and helpful ways we can keep ourselves happy in today's complex, difficult, and often disappointing life. She counts on her three decades of professional experience in addressing this universally coveted need of mankind. The secret to happiness lies in actively cultivating our capacity to connect with kindness—not just with ourselves but also with friends, family colleagues, and others. Drawing from the heart of Buddhist teachings, she exhibits how wise efforts, wise mindfulness, and wise concentration can keep anger, anxiety, and confusion away. The book is filled with vivid captivating stories and simple exercises that can be done easily by everyone. Identifying that living happily is the best way to live, the book prepares the reader for a shared journey of life. -- K/ND

29. Gardella, Peter.
American angels : useful spirits in the material world / Peter
Gardella. University Press of Kansas, ©2007. 285 p. 202.15 GAR

In this provocative and original book on spirituality, Gardella argues that angels, once the impersonal bearers of God's will, have mutated steadily into clichéd and honey-sweet decorative accessories in every American home. This wide-ranging book surveys the immense range of angelic and pseudoangelic images and places them in a thoughtful historical and national context. Gardella suggests that angels have transformed into a symbol of a future of fulfilled dreams and are perhaps even the most potent metaphor for American culture. -- CH/K/ND (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2007)

POLITICAL SCIENCE

30. The marketplace of democracy : electoral competition and American politics / edited by Michael P. McDonald and John Samples. Brookings Institution Press, ©2006. 312 p. 324.6 MAR

McDonald and Samples, from two eminent research organizations—Brookings and the Cato Institute—bring together an impressive collection of essays that address the U.S. democratic system. Leading political researchers explore the pervasive lack of competition in most state and primary elections. They look at the measures taken in the past to reform the U.S. electoral process. Apart from historical perspective the contributors present contemporary data. They consider different policy options targeted at increasing the electoral completion in American politics to keep it vibrant, responsive, and democratic. -- CH/M/ND

31. Moyers, Bill D.
Moyers on democracy / Bill Moyers. Doubleday, ©2008. 404 p.
320.973 MOY

Veteran journalist and author Moyers is also a skilled orator who has for decades been sharing his thoughts on democracy with diverse audiences. This collection of speeches offers a conscientious, passionate examination of those principles and ideals that rightly provoke pride in

America and the shortcomings that should evoke shame. Moyers points to assaults on the U.S. Constitution, a growing divide between the rich and the poor, and weakening of press independence. This collection reflects Moyers' understanding of the importance of getting things right—not just the facts but the tone and tenor of the time and the sensibilities of the people. He recalls a boyhood spent in a loving and religious small Texas town, where he was oblivious to the mistreatment of black citizens. He offers tributes to giants who upheld the highest ideals of democracy and simple human decency, including William Sloane Coffin, Hubert H. Humphrey, Lady Bird Johnson, and Barbara Jordan. Fans of his television show will hear Moyers' well-modulated voice in these thoughtful and thought-provoking speeches and lectures. -- CH/K/ND (Adapted from Booklist, ©2008)

32. Strolovitch, Dara Z.
Affirmative advocacy : race, class, and gender in interest group politics / Dara Z. Strolovitch. University of Chicago Press, ©2007.
336 p. 322.4 STR

Strolovitch takes an analytical look at scores of interest groups active in America that represent marginalized groups. She explores the challenges and opportunities faced by interest groups that represent marginalized population. Her study is based on data from a survey of 286 interest groups, including face-to-face interviews with representatives from 40. Strolovitch finds that there are two types of organizations—one that often prioritizes the interests of the most advantaged members based on gender, ethnic representation, and economic status and the other that tries to remedy this inequity. The author distills a set of recommended principles that she calls affirmative advocacy and suggests ways in which the organizational accountability could be enhanced in the interest of a wider range of its members. -- CH/M/ND

PSYCHOLOGY

33. Rousell, Michael A.
Sudden influence : how spontaneous events shape our lives / Michael A. Rousell ; foreword by Robert Sylwester. Praeger Publishers, ©2007. 194 p. 155.92 ROU.

Causal remarks can have a life-changing impact on a listener's self-esteem. Based on extensive study of the phenomenon of spontaneous influence events (SIEs), a counseling psychologist explains how SIEs can lead to new ways of thinking by disarming our usual defense mechanisms. Rousell's treatment focuses on clinical and anecdotal examples, but he does relate the resultant elevated suggestibility state to research on the placebo effect. Finally, Rousell details how we can create positive SIEs for ourselves and also for others. The book also includes exercises to reinforce personal strengths. -- K/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

34. Schwinger, Julian Seymour.
Einstein's legacy : the unity of space and time / Julian Seymour Schwinger. Dover publications, 2002. 250 p. 530 EIN

This lucid and profusely illustrated book features a Nobel Laureate's fascinating story of Einstein and the development of theory of relativity. It discusses and explains the meaning of time and the paradoxes of space travel at speed close to that of light. It also describes gravity and its effect on light. Numerous side bars and boxes throw extra light on physical principles, anomalies, events, and inventions. The book has been targeted at general audience and has been written in language as simple as possible so as to be accessible even to readers without any specialized background in mathematics and science. -- CH/K

SOCIOLOGY

35. American dreaming, global realities : rethinking U.S. immigration history / edited by Donna R. Gabaccia and Vicki L. Ruiz. University of Illinois Press, ©2006. 563 p. 304.8 AME

The twenty-two essays in this collection are based around themes of transnationalism, community building, homemaking, and citizenship, delve into what it means to be an immigrant discussing aspects of race, gender, sexuality, class, and nationality. The volume discusses specific studies of immigrants in China, Italy, Lebanon, Canada, and those in the United States who are from Mexico, Cuba, Poland, and other countries. Contributors to this volume are mostly scholars of history, sociology, ethnic studies, and women's studies. -- CH/K (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2007)

36. Bianchi, Suzanne M.
Changing rhythms of American family life / Suzanne M. Bianchi, John P. Robinson, and Melissa A. Milkie. Russell Sage Foundation, ©2006. 249 p. 306.85 BIA

Based on time diary data from surveys of American parents over the last four decades, the authors notice that there has been a significant decline in the number of American households with a stay-at-home parent due to women increasingly joining the paid workforce. Many policy makers expected that this shift in lifestyle will come at the expense of time mothers spend with their children. However, this analysis uncovers surprising findings opposed to the common notion and calls for a reconsideration of earlier viewpoints. It shows that despite increase in mothers' time at work, they have managed time for family by sacrificing housework and by multitasking. -- CH

37. Child sexual abuse : disclosure, delay, and denial / edited by Margaret-Ellen Pipe ... [et al.]. Routledge, ©2007. 318 p. 362.76 CHI

This book takes a look at the disclosure of childhood sexual abuse and explores its policy implications. It reviews and examines the existing literature on disclosure and the difficulties in conducting such research.

The contributors present a cross-cultural, clinical, and multidisciplinary perspective on the issue. They discuss different interview techniques and their impact on disclosure patterns. They attempt to establish why children often remain silent about their abuse or deny it. Further, they also assess the outcome of disclosure for the child, family, peers, and the suspect. The book is primarily intended for researchers and practitioners from child, forensic, clinical psychology, social work, and law. -- K/ND

38. Class in America : an encyclopedia / edited by Robert E. Weir. Greenwood Press, ©2007. 3v. REF 305.5 CLA

In this reference set on the historical and contemporary impact of social class in America, editor Weir compiles 525 essay entries that cover a wide range of fields—including religion, education, economics, history, and culture—and underscore their impact on class in the United States. Written by scholars from a variety of academic disciplines, the entries focus on relevant people, events, places, and issues in a broad context. -- (For use only in the Library) M/ND (Adapted from Library Journal, ©2007)

39. Deegan, Mary Jo. Self, war, & Society : George Herbert Mead's macrosociology / Mary Jo Deegan. Transaction Publishers, ©2008. 358 p. 301 DEE

This book seeks to establish Mead as one of the most significant classical sociologists of America, and contributes significantly to the contemporary debate on the politics and morality of war. It offers Deegan's interpretation of Mead's early social thought, his friendship and family networks, the historical context of America at war, and the importance of analysis of violence and the state from Mead's perspective. Illustrative selections from Mead's work, mostly previously unpublished, have also been included into the volume. -- M (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2008)

40. Umphlett, Wiley Lee.
From television to the Internet : postmodern visions of
American media culture in the twentieth century / Wiley Lee
Umphlett. Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, ©2006. 460 p.
302.23 UMP

Covering the period from the late 1940s to the advent of the Internet, this book examines how visually oriented communication forms have influenced and contributed to the origin of American subcultures. He argues that mass-mediated forms of culture in the post-war years came to have the characteristics of postmodernism in undermining traditional values and breaking down the division between elite and mass cultures. Media culture, by the end of the 20th century, had become a "pervasive sociocultural force whose main intent was to offer escapist solace from the anxieties of postmodern life." -- CH/K/M/ND (Adapted from Book News, Inc., ©2006)

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